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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL ENQUIRY - MUN TONG-HWAN

REF: STATE 56458

1. REV. MUN TONG-HWAN WAS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY BY AUTHORITIES ON MARCH 2 IN CONNECTION WITH INVESTIGATION OF MARCH 1 RELIGIOUS SERVICE AND ANTI-GOVERNMENT STATEMENT. HE HAS NOT BEEN RELEASED FROM CUSTODY. ROKG AUTHORITIES ARE CONTINUING THEIR INVESTIGATION OF THE INCIDENT AND THOSE INVOLVED IN IT, THEREFORE, IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO PREDICT WHAT IF ANY CHARGES WILL BE PLACED AGAINST REV. MUN. EMBASSY HAS LEARNED THAT ROKG AUTHORITIES ARE UTILIZING EMERGENCY MEASURE 9 AS LEGAL BASIS FOR TAKING PERSONS INTO CUSTODY IN CONNECTION WITH THE INCIDENT AND IT IS POSSIBLE THAT REV. MUN COULD BE CHARGED WITH VIOLATION OF EM-9.

2. MRS. MUN (HARRIET PINCHBECK MOON) AND FOUR CHILDREN ARE IN SEOUL. THREE OF THE MUN CHILDREN ARE U.S. CITIZENS, ONE DAUGHTER IS AN ADOPTED KOREAN NATIONAL. MRS. MUN IS EMPLOYED AS A SOCIAL WORKER BY USFK. AS FAR AS WE ABLE TO DETERMINE SHE IS NOT UNDER INVESTIGATION BY ROKG AUTHORITIES. SNEIDER

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